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Federal Commissions Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

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We are appealing the USAC charges for 2001 and 2002 as our revenue dropped precipitously to at least 1/2 of 2000 revenue. That makes us deminimus however, USAC is not recognizing our deminimus status. If you have any questions please call me at 412-795-1777.

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Universal Service Administrative Company Collections Department

July 31,2002

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Allegheny Telephone Company 6245 Saltsburg Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15235

RE: Filer **499 ID 807177**

Dear Allegheny Telephone Company:

Our records Indicate that as of July 26,2002, your account is currently ninety days past due. Your account balance that is now past due totals \$9,519.75.

Your payment is your contribution to the Universal Service Fund as mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the FCC Rule CFR 54.709 - 54.713. As stated in 54.713, "failure to N e the Universal Service Worksheet or to submit required quarterly contributions may subject the contributor to the enforcement provisions of the Act and any other applicable law."

Your disbursement profile has been set to "Force Net". All disbursements that you currently receive will now be offset against your invoice charges and appear on your USAC Billing and Disbursement Invoice as disbursement credits.

Sincerely,

USAC Collections Department



This notice provides additional details to the account balance presented in your delinquency notice dated July 31, 2002. The delinquency notice shows the portion of your account balance that is delinquent. The July invoice shows the total amount due to USAC, including current charges and delinquent charges.

- The balance on the delinquency notice does not include any transactions appearing on your July invoice except for payments. Transactions appearing on your July invoice are current charges, adjustments, and credits. Disbursement credits, support mechanism credits, and late payment fee credits are not included in your account balance stated on your delinquency notice.
- All payments received through July 26, 2002 have been credited to your account and are included in your account balance shown on your delinquency notice. Only payments received by July 15, 2002 are included on your July invoice.

To bring your account status current, please pay the total amount owed Io USAC on your July 2002 billing invoice by August 15, 2002. To keep your account current, pay your entire account balance by the payment due date each month. If you fail Io pay your entire account balance by the payment due date each month, you will receive a notice from the Collections Department. If you have any questions about your account, please contact us via Email at eusac@us.pwcglobal.com.

Sincerely, USAC Collections Department